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Carl Edlund (6SF)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200
Dallas, Texas 75202-2733

Re: Wilcox Oil Company Management Assistance Funding Request

Dear Mr. Edlund:

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) requests additional funding for the Wilcox Oil Company Management Assistance Cooperative Agreement (# V-01F02701). DEQ is very involved in this project. We spend time answering questions and providing information regarding site progress to landowners, the community, local media, and other stakeholders. Community Involvement is very important to DEQ and we take our role in that part of this project very seriously. The state project manager has developed an excellent working relationship with the site landowners, which benefits EPA. DEQ has also been very involved with helping to formulate work plans and reviewing site data.

We expect this same amount of involvement to continue as EPA starts the Remedial Investigation field work in late summer/early fall 2016. DEQ's presence at the site during field work has benefits to DEQ and EPA. Both agencies can observe site conditions, which will help facilitate site decision making. Additionally, if events prevent EPA's remedial project manager's (RPM) presence at the site, DEQ will be available to go to the site and report to the RPM. We appreciate the working relationship the state project manager and EPA RPM have formed on this project.

DEQ requests additional funding to allow us to continue to participate in site work. Since the start of this management assistance grant in March 2015, DEQ applied for \$102,288 and has only received \$16,354 in grant awards for Wilcox. To date, DEQ has drawn \$37,315.74 from the consolidated grant for Wilcox. We have had to take money from other projects to make these draws, which we are concerned will impact our ability to meet commitments for other projects. DEQ estimates \$95,934 of additional Wilcox funds is needed to complete work under the current Cooperative Agreement due to expire June 30, 2017.

The intent of management assistance is to provide the state with the opportunity to provide meaningful input to EPA. A close partnership on this project benefits both DEQ and EPA Region 6. If you have any questions about this request please contact me at 405-702-5151.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Kelly Dixon", is written over a blue line.

Kelly Dixon
Division Director
Land Protection Division

